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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

SUBJECT : [REDACTED] Project.

Bob Macy telephoned to say that pursuant to your request he had looked into the proposed [REDACTED] Project and that insofar as he could find out this was not a question of denying any area to the Russians and, further, that to his knowledge we had received no official request from the [REDACTED]. It was his impression that this idea had been generated at a relatively low level and on an unofficial basis.

Based upon his previous conversation with you he said that if you were already committed to pick up the tab for this Project he would not offer any further objection; however, if no commitment had been made he would want to consider it very carefully in the light of the information which he had gathered since he talked with you. He also said that the Navy had \$14,000,000 to spend on their IGY Program and that he thought it might be appropriate for them to pick up the tab if the United States Government was in fact interested in doing this.

It was clear that he had tentatively concluded that this would not be a proper expenditure of our funds; on the other hand, if you are already committed apparently there will be no problem in getting a release from the Reserve.

I have talked with [REDACTED] about this. He has also had a talk with Macy and will, I understand, discuss the subject with you further when he sees you on 10 July.

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cc: Comptroller

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